

Fair Date: Friday, March 6, 2020

Time: Doors open for project setup at 9:30 AM
Project takedown and removal by 4:00 PM

Location: Ranson Civic Center, 431 West 2nd Avenue, Ranson, WV 25438

Eligibility: Eligible participants include students in grades **3** (*New for 2020*) through 8 from Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, and Pendleton counties, including the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and who earned 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in any category at their county science fair or equivalent.

Registration: Coordinators from each county science fair please register groups of students by emailing a spreadsheet (template attached) with participant info to d.price@k12.wv.us.

Please double-check the spelling of student names and project titles.

PLEASE NOTE: For the 2020 regional fair, you do **NOT** need to register on the WVDE online registration system. (Ignore emails from Robin Sizemore regarding registering online through WVDE's portal for the regional fair. It is still a work in progress and at this late date it will not meet our needs. The Regional Fair Directors will register all regional winners with the WVSEF.

Deadline: Submit your final list of participants no later than Friday, February 21, 2020.

Paperwork: Students and parents must complete and sign the attached Application for Entry. Forms should be submitted by Friday, February 21, 2020, or ASAP after your county fair. Ideally, completed forms should be scanned and emailed to d.price@k12.wv.us. Alternatively, completed forms may be faxed to 304-728-6590, Attn: Shane Price. (Knowing that getting paperwork from kids is no small challenge, forms will be accepted late but please send in what you have by the deadline.)

Science Fair Rules and Policy:

To qualify for participation in the regional fair, projects must comply with the [Regeneron ISEF International Rules and Guidelines](#) as applicable to elementary and middle school fairs.

Banned materials (biological materials, chemicals, food, hazardous or dangerous objects, etc.) will be removed from project displays prior to judging. Empty food containers are generally OK. Students should be encouraged to display photographs of anything they want to display that would otherwise be banned.

Blatantly plagiarized projects will be disqualified.

Project Category Placement:

The regional fair will use the [Regeneron ISEF Categories](#). Please use only these categories when registering your county's participating projects. Registrations for non-ISEF categories or categories with less than 3 projects will be placed at the discretion of the Director. Day of fair requests for category changes will not be honored.

Transportation and Parking:

You are responsible for arranging transportation of your students to and from the Ranson Civic Center. School buses and private vehicles may drop off students at the door and then park on-site or in an adjacent parking lot.

Adult Supervision Required:

You must arrange for adequate adult supervision of students from your county while at the fair. In addition to chaperones, each county shall designate at least one "adult in charge" to respond to any issues involving student behavior, security, health, or other concerns.

Lunch: For proper nutrition, it is recommended that students pack their lunches. The concession stand will be open, serving snacks, drinks, and pizza slices. Numerous restaurants are a short drive from the Ranson Civic Center, but none are within walking distance, and none accommodate buses.

Have Friends or Colleagues Who Might Want to Lend a Hand?

With more than 400 students to organize, judge, entertain, and supervise, the fair can always use extra help. Volunteers can sign up online. See the fair web page for the link.

For more information, please visit www.epsef.org or contact:

Shane Price, Fair Director
Email: d.price@k12.wv.us
Cell/Text: 304-270-7769 after 3 PM